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Chairman Shays to Hold April 25 Hearing on Assessing Iraq's Reconstruction

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing to examine the status of Iraq's reconstruction, governance, and security. The hearing will specifically address the efforts to establish public access to essential services, to form a unity government, and to grow the Iraqi security and police forces.

The Honorable Mr. David M. Walker, Comptroller General for the U.S. Government Accountability Office, will testify about the recent oversight work and observations made by his office in the areas of reconstruction, governance, and security in Iraq. He will discuss challenges the U.S. confronts in its rebuilding and stabilization efforts and issues the Iraqi government faces in financing future requirements.

"U.S. support for reconstruction, security and governance programs has helped the Iraqis make progress toward a better future. But the billions of appropriated dollars being spent in Iraq are an investment by the American people in their own security as well. We have a fiduciary obligation to continually assess the execution and sustainability of our investment strategy."

The hearing, "*A New Assessment of Iraq*", is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 am in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC.

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“A New Assessment of Iraq”
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Witness List

The Honorable David M. Walker
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